

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

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910,863

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Sir:

Group Art Unit 2839

Examiner: J. Nasri

Atty. Dkt. P 0278401

Appl. Title: CONNECTOR FERRULE AND METHOD OF SEALING



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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: June 19, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herewith by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

A. ☒ NOT madeB. ☐ WithdrawnC. ☐ made herewithD. ☐ made previously

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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated May 15, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, Figure 5. This election is made with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 10, and 12-16, at least, read on the elected group. It is further respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 13, at least, are generic.

The Election of Species indicated that a telephone call was made to the undersigned on May 13, 2003 to request an oral election, but that the telephone call did not result in an election being made. The undersigned respectfully submits that the Examiner merely informed the undersigned that the Election of Species Requirement dated May 15, 2003 was going to be issued and did not give the undersigned an opportunity to make an election during the telephone call.

It is respectfully submitted that the Election of Species Requirement is improper as it fails to identify each drawing figure with a particular species. MPEP §806.04(c) states that "Species are always the specifically different embodiments." For example, the Election of Species Requirement identifies Group I as Figure 4, Group II as Figure 5, Group III as Figure 5b and Group IV as Figure 6, but fails to indicate to which group Figures 1-3 belong. As the Election of Species Requirement fails to include Figures 1-3 in any of the Groups I-IV, it is unclear if Figures 1-3 are grouped together with other figures, as set forth in MPEP §806.04(h), or if Figures 1-3 are considered to be a separate group unto themselves.

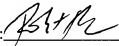
To the extent Figures 1-3 are considered to be a separate group, Applicant elects that group and submits that at least claims 1-9, 13-16 and 25-26 read on those figures.

It is further respectfully submitted that the subject matter of Groups I-IV is sufficiently related that a thorough search and examination of the any one group would necessarily encompass the search and examination of the remaining groups. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application can be conducted without serious burden and that the Election of Species Requirement fails to satisfy the criteria of MPEP §803.

Finally it is respectfully submitted that the Election of Species Requirement should be withdrawn to prevent duplicative examination by the Patent and Trademark Office and unnecessary expense to the Applicants.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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